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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Missing LA firefighter Possibly a Victim of ‘Violent Kidnapping’ in Mexico

(U) Francisco “Frank” Aguilar, 48, went missing in Baja California last month and may have been the victim of a “violent kidnapping,” Mayor Eric Garcetti said yesterday. Aguilar had recently left his Rancho Cucamonga home and went to San Antonio Del Mar, which is between Tijuana and Rosarito, to check on his condominium. There were indications of a forcible entry into his condo, along with some of his property missing in addition to his person. Mexican law enforcement officials said they are currently identifying suspects but had not said how many people are thought to be involved.

SOURCE: 3 September 2020, [East Bay Times](#)

(U) Sacramento – Fisherman Reels in Live Pipe Bomb from River

(U) A California fisherman reeled in a live pipe bomb while fishing on the Sacramento River, according to local reports. The local bomb squad eventually determined both devices to still be live and destroyed them safely on site. Authorities did not speculate on why the explosives were placed in the river.

SOURCE: 2 September 2020, [New York Post](#)

(U) San Francisco – Sharp Rise in Overdose Deaths Blamed on Fentanyl

(U) The annual report on citywide substance use trends released Monday by the San Francisco Department of Public Health revealed that overdose deaths rose in 2019 to 441 — up from 259 deaths in 2018. According to the report, the rise in deaths is linked to the use of the opioid fentanyl, although in some cases methamphetamine or a combination of the two played factors in the overdoses.

SOURCE: 2 September 2020, [Patch](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – American ISIS Member Pleads Guilty

(U) Washington — Omer Kuzu, a 23-year-old US citizen captured by the Syrian Democratic Forces and returned to the US by the FBI after a five-year stint handling communications for ISIS, pleaded guilty yesterday to conspiring to provide material support to terrorism. As part of the plea agreement, Kuzu, now 25, admitted that he and his brother, Yusuf, departed Texas for Istanbul, Turkey in 2014 and were then smuggled across the border into Syria by an ISIS smuggling network, eventually making their way to Mosul, Iraq, which was under ISIS control at the time.

SOURCE: 2 September 2020, [CNN](#)

(U) Missouri – Man Sentenced for Planned Parenthood Clinic Arson

(U) Jefferson City — Wesley Brian Kaster, 43, pleaded guilty in November to using an explosive device to damage the Columbia Health Center, which receives federal funds. He also pleaded guilty to violating the Federal Access to Clinic Entrances Act. No one was inside and the sprinkler system extinguished the blaze. Only the front room with the broken door was damaged, investigators said.

SOURCE: 2 September 2020, [Associated Press](#)

UNCLASSIFIED

(U) Washington – Man Arrested on Suspicion of Making Bomb Threat at Police Precinct

(U) Portland – Kyle Robert Tornow, 36, was arrested yesterday for threatening to destroy a police precinct in Portland, and also stands accused of using the city Police TrackIT system to send a message, claiming he had planted a bomb at one of the nearby police precincts.

SOURCE: 2 September 2020, [Fox News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Australia – Terror Investigation Launched After Man Allegedly Slashes Police Officers

(U) Sydney – Counter-terrorism police are investigating after a man was charged with attempted murder for allegedly slashing a policeman with a knife and injuring two other officers in the central business district of Sydney. Police were called after a food delivery rider was allegedly harassed by a man. One officer was slashed across his head and shoulder after a man pulled out a knife when they approached him as he was walking along York Street near Market Street. Another officer was slashed on the hand and a third officer was bitten on the arm.

SOURCE: 3 September 2020, [The Guardian](#)

(U) Germany – Putin Critic Alexei Navalny Poisoned with Soviet-Era Nerve Agent

(U) Berlin – Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny was the victim of an attack and poisoned with the Soviet-era nerve agent Novichok, the German government said yesterday, citing new test results. Navalny, a politician and corruption investigator who is one of Russian President Vladimir Putin's fiercest critics, fell ill on a flight back to Moscow from Siberia on 20 Aug and was taken to a hospital in the Siberian city of Omsk after the plane made an emergency landing. He was transferred two days later to Berlin's Charité hospital, where doctors last week said initial tests indicated Navalny had been poisoned.

SOURCE: 2 September 2020, [CBS News](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Independent Review Finds Gaps in Supervision of Released Terrorists

(U) London – Authorities have been criticized after an independent review of terrorism legislation found gaps in the monitoring of people convicted of terrorism-related offenses in England and Wales. The report said meetings of different agencies including the police, the prison service, and probation officers were “dominated by information exchange rather than active management” of cases. The report also called for a cultural shift in how authorities shared information over those convicted of terrorism, noting there was “surprisingly limited” local knowledge about such offenders among police.

SOURCE: 3 September 2020, [The Guardian](#)

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